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SUBJ: POSSIBLE IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA

REF: (A) STATE 189617, (B) TEHRAN 6018 (NOTAL)

1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE
IRANIAN ARMS AID TO SOMALIA WILL COME AS CONSIDERABLE
SURPRISE TO GOVT OF IRAN. US INITIATIVES ENCOURAGING IRANIAN
ASSISTANCE BEGAN WITH REQUEST BY SECY VANCE ON MAY 13. GEN
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TOUFANIAN SUBMITTED LIST OF EQUIPMENT EARMARKED FOR TRANSFER TO
SOMALIA ON JULY 6. PRES CARTER DECIDED THAT US AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
TO SUPPLY OF US WEAPONS ON JULY 21. THAT DECISION PRESUMABLY
ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE THE QUESTIONS I HAD RAISED IN REF B.

2. IT WOULD BE NATURAL, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR GOI TO
ASSUME THAT APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WERE IN

TRAIN AND THAT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS HAD BEEN
MADE AT TIME OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION. (THIS EMB HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED UNTIL RECEIPT OF REFTEL THAT MATTER HAS BEEN HELD IN
SUSPENSE EVEN AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION.)

3. I WILL, OF COURSE, NOTIFY GOI THAT US APPROVAL FOR
ARMS SHIPMENT CAN NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN AND THAT, EVEN IF
WE DECIDE TO RECOMMEND ITS APPROVAL, ACTION WILL HAVE TO
WAIT UNTIL OCTOBER. I WILL ALSO NOTIFY MY SOMALI COLLEAGUE
OF THESE SAME FACTS. ADDITIONALLY, I WILL EXPLAIN TO BOTH
OF THEM THAT THE US MILITARY MISSION WHICH THE DEPT ANNOUNCED
WAS GOING TO SOMALIA ACTUALLY WENT TO SUDAN.
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